

Court Clerk

United States District Court

Southern District of New York

The Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse

U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: Case # 91 Cr. 358-16

REQUEST/MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A LEGAL COUNSEL

United States Vs Maximo Reyes

COMES NOW, MAXIMO REYES, herein after PETITIONER, filling this motion pro se, and without the benefit of a legal counsel, requesting this Honorable Court to appoint me a legal counsel(Public Defender). I need a legal counsel to file an appeal on my behalf for my recent motion for compassionate release which was denied by the court. My last attorney Mr Gregory Seraydarian at 227 West Trade Street; Charlotte NC 28202 filed the motion for a compassionate release due to COVID-19 for me, took my case on Pro Bono. He does not want to file the appeal for me. Right now I do not have a legal counsel to file the appeal for my compassionate release and I can not afford a paid legal counsel to help me with the appeal.

I do not have any bank saving account or checking account or retirement savings or any investment. Secondly, I do not have anybody to secure a legal counsel for me. My only source of income is \$11.00 to \$14.00 monthly wage from Moshannon Valley Correctional Facility for Orderly job in the house unit. My love ones send me about \$100.00 a month for commissary and toiletries

Therefore I can not afford to pay a lawyer to represent me.

Very Respectively Submitted this 28th day of September, 2020.

By: Maximo Reyes 9/28/2020

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The Court is in receipt of Petitioner's request to have counsel appointed to him for his appeal of the denial of his motion for compassionate release. The Court recognizes that there is no right to counsel in connection with a motion for compassionate release. See generally *Coleman v. Thompson*, 501 U.S. 722, 755-57 (1991) (discussing extension of criminal defendant's constitutional right to counsel only to the first appeal as of right); *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987) (no right to counsel for collateral attacks on a conviction or sentence); *United States v. Myers*, 524 F. App'x 758, 759 (2d Cir. 2013) (summary order) (noting that the Second Circuit "[has] held that a defendant does not have a right to counsel under the Sixth Amendment in a § 3582(c)(2) proceeding because that right 'extends only through the defendant's first appeal'" (citing *United States v. Reddick*, 53 F.3d 462, 464 (2d Cir. 1995))). The Court has considered the applicable criteria for the discretionary appointment of counsel, see *Reddick*, 53 F.3d at 465; *Hodge v. Police Officers*, 802 F.2d 58, 61-62 (2d Cir. 1986), and has concluded that appointment of counsel is not appropriate. Accordingly, Petitioner's request is DENIED. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion at docket entry 355, and to mail a copy of this Order to Petitioner.

Dated: October 16, 2020  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE